

COLONEL PAUL O. SOMERSALL



Colonel Somersall was commissioned as an infantry officer upon graduating from The United States Military Academy in 1981.

While on active duty he was assigned to the 4th Battalion 54th Infantry, 194th Armored Brigade at Fort Knox, KY and served as a rifle platoon leader, scout platoon leader, company executive officer and battalion adjutant. His follow-on assignment was to the Combat Developments Directorate, USA John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center, (USAJFKSWC), Fort Bragg, NC as a Ranger Special Operations Project Officer.

Since joining the New York Army National Guard in 1988 he has held several command and staff positions including: Battalion S3 Air, 2nd BN 105th Infantry; Commander, A Company 2nd BN 105th Infantry; Training Officer, Mobilization Readiness Officer and Deputy Director, Operations and Training Directorate, JFHQ and Commander, 2 – 106th Training Battalion.

Colonel Somersall was selected in early 2007 to command a Regional Corps Advisory Command (RCAC), CJTF Phoenix VII to serve as a Senior Mentor to an Afghan National Army (ANA) Corps. He is currently the Senior Mentor to the 205th ANA Corps.

Colonel Somersall is a graduate of the US Army Airborne School, Infantry Officers Basic Course, US Army Ranger School, Infantry Officers Advanced Course, Light Infantry Operations Course, Combat Developments Course, Jumpmaster's Course; Command and General Staff College and US Army Infantry Battalion and Brigade PreCommand Course. He earned a Bachelor of Science from the United States Military Academy at West Point and a Master of Arts in Management from Webster University.

His military decorations and awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster); Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster); National Defense Service Medal (Bronze Star); Army Service Ribbon; Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon; Ranger Tab; Parachutist Badge

Colonel Somersall resides in Upstate New York with his wife Linda and they have two daughters.